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United States of America: draft resolution

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/207 B of 11 December 1987 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, in which it was decided that the Council should further continue to consider the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies,

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat on the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 and 1997 in the economic, social and related fields, 1/

Noting the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences contained in the letter dated 22 June 1995 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Economic and Social Council, 2/

Expressing its concern that the number of subsidiary bodies that have been mandated to annualize their sessions has, in view of the limited secretariat services available, inter alia, for meetings and documentation, adversely affected the efficient utilization of conference-servicing resources,

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1/ E/1995/L.20.

2/ E/1995/101.

1. Decides to biennialize the meetings of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Committee for Development Planning and its three working groups, the Economic Commission for Africa and its Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council a draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields, beginning with the biennium 1997-1998 and bearing in mind paragraph 1 of the present resolution.

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Note by the Secretariat

Draft decision recommended by the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its first session for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

At its first session, held in New York from 11 to 15 September 1995, the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests recommended the following draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council:

"Future sessions of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests

"The Economic and Social Council approves the request of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests to extend the duration of its second session, to be held in Geneva, from one week to two weeks, so that the dates of the second session would be from 11 to 22 March 1996, and also approves the request of the Panel that its third session be held from 2 to 13 September 1996 at a venue to be determined."

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

Austria, Netherlands, Nicaragua and Romania:
draft resolution

World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that young people in all countries are both a major human resource for development and key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation,

Bearing in mind that the ways in which the challenges and potentials of young people are addressed by policy will influence current social and economic conditions and the well-being and livelihood of future generations,

Acknowledging that young women and men in all parts of the world aspire to full participation in the life of society,

Recognizing that the decade since the observance of International Youth Year: Participation, Development and Peace, has been a period of fundamental political, economic and socio-cultural changes in the world,

Acknowledging the contribution that non-governmental youth organizations, including the Youth Forum, could make in improving dialogue and consultations with the United Nations system on the situation of youth,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, in which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond,

Recalling also its resolution 49/152 of 23 December 1994 on the International Youth Year, in which the Assembly requested the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond,

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/

1. Adopts the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 2/ as an integral part of the present resolution, including the 10 priority areas identified therein, i.e. education, employment, hunger and poverty, health, environment, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, leisure-time activities, girls and young women, and the full and effective participation of youth in the life of society and in decision-making;

2. Invites Governments, with the support of the international community, the non-governmental and private sectors and, in particular, youth organizations, to implement the programme of action by undertaking the relevant activities outlined therein;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-second session, through the Commission on Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the promotion of integrated reporting;

4. Invites, once again, Member States to include, whenever possible, youth representatives in their delegations to the Assembly and other meetings of relevant United Nations bodies with a view to stimulating participation of young women and men in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

1/ A/50/3.

2/ See E/1995/123 and Corr.1.